

REMARKS

Claims 8-10, 17, and 18 are currently pending in the application. Claims 8-10, 17, and 18 are amended. Claims 1, 3, 5, 11, 16, 19, and 20 are cancelled. No new matter is presented. In view of the above amendments and the followings remarks, Applicant requests the allowance of claims 8-10, 17, and 18.

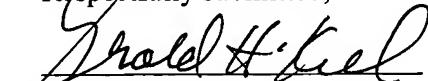
Claims 11 and 13 are objected to for containing informalities. By this amendment, claims 11 and 13 are cancelled. Therefore, the objection to claims 11 and 13 is moot.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 11, 16, 19, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ellis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,035,476). Claim 13 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellis in view of Muller et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,515,445). Claims 1, 3, 5, 11, 13, 16, 19, and 20 are cancelled. As a result, the rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 11, 13, 16, 19, and 20 is moot.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner for indicating that claims 8-10, 17, and 18 contain allowable subject matter. By this amendment, claim 8 is amended to be independent from. Claims 10, 17, and 18 are dependent upon claim 8. No new matter is presented. In view of these amendments, Applicants request the allowance of claims 8-10, 17, and 18.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its earlier allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

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